

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of the Claims:**

1. (Original) A method of acquiring a license in a hub network, comprising:  
sending a license request from a client to a server;  
sending a connection confirmation from said client to said server; and  
receiving license data at said client from said server;  
wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network, said license request identifies a sub-copy version stored on said client, said sub-copy version includes sub-copy locked content data, and said license data is bound to said hub network.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
synchronizing a client clock with a server clock by setting said client clock according to said server clock before receiving said license data including a sub-copy license at said client;  
wherein said client clock is a secure clock of said client, said server clock is a secure clock of said server.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
updating a sub-copy license for a sub-copy version stored on said client;  
wherein said sub-copy license corresponds to said sub-copy version, and

updating license data for said sub-copy version includes updating said sub-copy license according to said received license data.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said license data is a sub-copy license indicating permissions for using said sub-copy version.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein:

said sub-copy license indicates an expiration period, and

said expiration period indicates an amount of time for which said sub-copy license is valid.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:

setting an expiration time according to said expiration period including resetting said expiration time if said expiration time was previously set to a different value;

wherein said client has a secure client clock,

when said client clock indicates that the current expiration time has been reached, said sub-copy license expires and becomes disabled, and

said client will not decrypt said sub-copy locked content data when said sub-copy license is disabled.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said license request indicates said sub-copy version.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said connection confirmation indicates said client is connected to said server.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said connection confirmation indicates said client is within a local environment of  
said server, and

said local environment is a limited area defined relative to said server.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

sending a security confirmation from said client to said server,  
wherein said security confirmation indicates a state of security data stored on said  
client.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

receiving a security update at said client from said server;  
wherein said security update includes new security data.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein:

said security data includes a new key for decryption.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

setting an expiration time according to said received license data.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving said sub-copy version from a device that is a member of a different hub network from said hub network.

15. (Original) A method of providing a license in a hub network, comprising:

receiving a license request from a client at a server;

sending a connection confirmation request from said server to said client; and

sending license data from said server to said client;

wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network, said license request identifies a sub-copy version stored on said client, and said license data is bound to said hub network.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

synchronizing a client clock with a server clock by setting said client clock according to said server clock before sending said license data including a sub-copy license to said client;

wherein said client clock is a secure clock of said client, said server clock is a secure clock of said server.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein:  
said license data corresponds to a sub-copy license for said sub-copy version and  
includes data for updating said sub-copy license.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein:  
said license data is a sub-copy license indicating permissions for using said sub-  
copy version.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein:  
said sub-copy license indicates an expiration period,  
said expiration period indicates an amount of time for which said sub-copy license  
is valid, and  
when said expiration time has been reached after sending said license data, said  
sub-copy license expires and becomes disabled.

20. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein:  
said license request indicates said sub-copy version.

21. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein:  
said connection confirmation request requests confirmation that said client is  
connected to said server.

22. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein:  
said connection confirmation request requests confirmation that said client is  
within a local environment of said server, and  
said local environment is a limited area defined relative to said server.

23. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:  
sending a security confirmation request from said server to said client,  
wherein said security confirmation request requests confirmation of a state of  
security data stored on said client.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:  
receiving a security confirmation at said server from said client;  
wherein said security confirmation indicates said state of said security data stored  
on said client.

25. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:  
sending a security update from said server to said client.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein:  
wherein said security update includes a new key for decryption.

27. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:  
    checking a revocation list to determine whether said client is included in said  
revocation list;  
    wherein said revocation list is stored on said server.

28. – 29. (Canceled)

30. (Original) A method of refreshing a license in a hub network, comprising:  
    sending a refresh request from a client to a server;  
    sending a connection confirmation from said client to said server;  
    receiving updated license data at said client from said server; and  
    updating a sub-copy license stored on said client according to said updated license  
data;  
    wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network, said refresh  
request identifies a sub-copy version stored on said client, said sub-copy version includes  
sub-copy locked content data, said sub-copy license corresponds to said sub-copy  
version, and said sub-copy license is bound to said hub network.

31. (Original) A method of refreshing a license in a hub network, comprising:  
    receiving a refresh request from a client at a server;  
    sending a connection confirmation request from said server to said client; and  
    sending updated license data from said server to said client;

wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network, said refresh request identifies a sub-copy version stored on said client, said updated license data is for updating a sub-copy license corresponding to said sub-copy version, and said sub-copy license is bound to said hub network.